

§ 13:69E-1.10 Blackjack table; card reader device; physical characteristics; inspections

(a) – (t) (No change.)

(aa) If a casino licensee offers Free Bet Blackjack pursuant to N.J.A.C. 3:69F-2.31, the blackjack table otherwise required by this section shall also contain:

(1) A layout which shall include, at a minimum:

(i) An additional designated betting area for the Push 22 wager at each of the player positions at the table;

(ii) If not inscribed on the layout, a sign at the blackjack table shall set forth the payout odds and the hand rankings for the Push 22 wager;

(iii) The inscription “Dealer Must Hit Soft 17 and Will Push with a Total of 22”;

(iv) The inscription “Free Splits On All Pairs, Except 10-Value Cards”; and

(v) The inscription “Free Doubles on Hard 9, 10 & 11 (First Two Cards Only)”; and

(2) The following equipment:

(i) Match-play tokens ("free bet buttons") with the casino licensee's name or logo, to indicate when a player has placed a free double down or free split.

§ 13:69F-2.1 Definitions

“Free double down” shall mean a double down wager in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.10 that simulates a double down without requiring any additional wager from the player.

“Free split” shall mean to split a pair in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.10 without the player placing an additional wager.

“Push 22 wager” shall mean a wager that wins if the dealer has a total of 22.

§ 13:69F-2.3 Wagers

(a) – (e)(9) (No change.)

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter to the contrary, if a casino licensee offers free bet blackjack in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.31, a player may make a free double down, free split, or both wagers.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter to the contrary, if a casino licensee offers free bet blackjack in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.31, a player may, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.32, make a Push 22 wager.

§ 13:69F-2.6 Procedure for dealing of cards

(a) – (j)(3)

(k) In lieu of the procedures set forth in (h) above, a casino licensee may permit a blackjack dealer to deal his or her hole card face upward after a second card and before additional cards are dealt to the players, provided that the casino licensee complies with the notice requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-8.3. The alternative dealing procedure described in this subsection shall not be used at any blackjack table which offers the progressive blackjack wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.19 **or free bet blackjack authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.31**. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, the following rules shall apply whenever cards used to game at blackjack are dealt in accordance with this subsection:

(k)(1) – (l)(3)(iii) (No change.)

(m) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter to the contrary, if a casino licensee offers free bet blackjack pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.31 and the Push 22 wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.28, the casino licensee shall follow the supplemental dealing procedures in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.10, N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.11, N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.27 and N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.32.

§ 13:69F-2.7 Payment of blackjack; even-money payout option for certain insurance wagers

(a) – (c) (No change.)

(d) Notwithstanding (a) above, if a casino licensee offers free bet blackjack pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.31, and a player has blackjack, the dealer shall pay the blackjack at odds of 3 to 2. Insurance shall be paid at odds of 2 to 1.

§ 13:69F-2.8 Surrender

(a) – (a)(2) (No change.)

(a)(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of (a) through (a)(2) above, if a casino licensee offers free bet blackjack pursuant to N.J.A.C. 3:69F-2.31, the casino licensee shall have the option to allow surrender on the player's first two cards after the dealer checks for blackjack.

(b) – (c) (No change.)

§ 13:69F-2.10 Doubling down

(a) – (d) (No change.)

(e) If a casino licensee offers free bet blackjack pursuant to N.J.A.C. 3:69F-2.31, the player may double down on a two-card hard count of 9, 10, or 11 without placing an additional wager. The dealer will place a free bet button next to the player's original wager and deal the game pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.6. The free bet button is equal to the player's initial wager. The player shall then receive a single double down card, completing the action. A player may free double down after splitting or free splitting a pair, provided the player's point total is a two card hard total of 9, 10, or 11.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions in (e) above, a casino licensee may offer a variation of free bet blackjack that allows a player to free double down on a hard count of 9, 10, or 11 of any number of cards, if notice is provided as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-8.3.

§ 13:69F-2.11 Splitting pairs

(a) – (f) (No change.)

(g) If a casino licensee offers free bet blackjack pursuant to N.J.A.C. 3:69F-2.31, the player may split any pair except for 10 value cards without placing an additional wager. The dealer will move the player's original wager next to his or her first split hand and place a free bet button next to the player's second free split hand. The free bet button is equal to the player's initial wager. The dealer will then deal the game pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.6. A player may free re-split applicable pairs up to a limit specified by the casino licensee. The dealer shall then place a free bet button next to the player's newly split hand.

(1) If a player is free splitting a pair, and the player's hand wins, the player shall be awarded an amount equal to his or her initial wager for the free bet button. If a player is free splitting a pair, and the player's hand loses or is void, the dealer shall retrieve the free bet button.

§ 13:69F-2.12 Drawing of additional cards by players and the dealer

(a) – (e) (No change.)

(f) Notwithstanding (a) through (e) above, if a casino licensee offers free bet blackjack pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.31, the dealer shall draw additional cards to his or her hand until he or she has a hard total of 17 or a hard or soft total of 18, 19, 20, 21, or 22, at which point no additional cards shall be drawn. The dealer pushes on 22.

§ 13:69F-2.18 Multiple action blackjack rule

(a) A casino licensee may, in its discretion, offer to every player at a blackjack table the option to make either two or three separate wagers on the outcome of the player's hand against either two or three separate hands of the dealer which shall be formed with the dealer's original face up card, provided that the casino licensee complies with the notice requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-8.3 prior to withdrawing the offer of this option. This option may not be used at any blackjack table which offers the progressive blackjack wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.19, the blackjack bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.20, the streak wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.22, the match-the-dealer wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.23, the 20 point bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.24, the optional bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.25, the in-between wager authorized by 13:69F-2.26, **or the free bet authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.31 or the Push 22 wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.32.**

(b) – (i) (No change.)

§ 13:69F-2.20 Blackjack bonus wager

(a) – (k) (No change.)

(l) The blackjack bonus wager may not be offered at a blackjack table which offers multiple action blackjack wagers pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.18, a progressive blackjack wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.19, a streak wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.22, a 20 point bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.24, an optional bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.25, the in-between wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.26, **or the free bet authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.31 or the Push 22 wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.32.**

§ 13:69F-2.22 Streak wager

(a) – (k)(3) (No change.)

(l) The streak wager may not be offered at a blackjack table which offers multiple action blackjack wagers pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.18, a progressive blackjack wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.19, a blackjack bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.20, a 20 point bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.24, an optional bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.25, the in-between wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.26, **or the free bet authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.31 or the Push 22 wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.32.**

§ 13:69F-2.23 Match-the-dealer wager

(a) – (f) (No change.)

(g) The match-the-dealer wager may not be offered at a blackjack table that offers an optional bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.25, the in-between wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.26, **or the free bet authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.31 or the Push 22 wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.32.**

§ 13:69F-2.24 20 point bonus wager

(a) – (h) (No change.)

(i) The 20 point bonus wager may not be offered at a blackjack table that offers multiple action blackjack wagers pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-2.18, a progressive blackjack wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.19, a blackjack bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.20, a streak wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.22, an optional bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.25, the in-between wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.26, **or the free bet authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.31 or the Push 22 wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.32.**

§ 13:69F-2.25 Optional bonus wager

(a) – (g) (No change.)

(h) The optional bonus wager authorized by this section may not be offered at a blackjack table that offers multiple action blackjack wagers pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-2.18, a progressive blackjack wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.19, a blackjack bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.20, a streak wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.22, a match-the-dealer wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.23, a 20 point

bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.24, the in-between wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.26, **or the free bet authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.31 or the Push 22 wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.32.**

§ 13:69F-2.26 In-between wager

(a) – (f)(b) (No change.)

(g) The in-between wager may not be offered at a blackjack table that offers multiple action blackjack wagers pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.18, a progressive blackjack wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.19, a blackjack bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.20, a streak wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.22, a match-the-dealer wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.23, a 20 point bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.24, an optional bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.25, **or the free bet authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F32-2.31 or the Push 22 wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69-2.32.**

§ 13:69F-2.31 Free bet blackjack; supplemental dealing procedure

(a) If a casino licensee offers free bet blackjack pursuant to this section, a player may place additional wagers without putting additional money at risk.

(b) A player may free double down, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.10(e) and (f).

(1) If the player wins against the dealer pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.3, the dealer will pay the player for his or her original wager and an equivalent amount for his or her free double down. The dealer shall then collect the player's free bet button.

(2) If the player loses against the dealer, the dealer shall collect the player's original bet and the free bet button.

(3) If the dealer achieves a score of 22, the player's original bet is a push and the dealer shall collect the free bet button.

(c) A player may free split a pair, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.11.

(1) If a player is free splitting a pair, and the player's hand wins, the player shall be awarded an amount equal to his or her initial wager for the free bet button.

(2) If a player is free splitting a pair, and the player's hand loses, the dealer shall retrieve the player's free bet button.

(3) If a player is free splitting a pair and the player's wager is a push, the dealer shall retrieve the free bet button.

§ 13:69F-2.32 Push 22 wager; supplemental dealing procedure

(a) A casino licensee may, in its discretion, offer each player at a Free Bet Blackjack table the option to make an additional Push 22 wager.

(b) The Push 22 wager shall have no bearing on any other wager made by a player at the game of blackjack.

(c) Prior to the first card being dealt for each round of play, each player who has placed a blackjack wager in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.3(a) may make a Push 22 wager by placing gaming chips, plaques or, if applicable, a match play coupon on the appropriate area of the blackjack layout, except that a verbal wager accompanied by cash may be accepted, provided that it is confirmed by the dealer at the table prior to the first card being dealt to any player and such cash is expeditiously converted into gaming chips or plaques. The minimum and maximum Push 22 wagers permitted by a casino licensee shall be posted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-8.3.

(d) The dealer shall then announce "No more bets" and deal the initial two card to all players and the dealer in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.6.

(e) After the second card is dealt to all players at the table, and prior to any additional cards being dealt to any player or the dealer, all player blackjacks shall be awarded as to not be affected by the Push 22 wager. If a player has blackjack, after the dealer pays the blackjack wager, the dealer will leave the player's cards face up and under the Push 22 wager for resolution of the Push 22 wager at the end of the game.

(f) The dealer shall then continue the round of play. If a player busts, the dealer will collect their losing blackjack wager and leave the player's cards face up and under the Push 22 wager for resolution of the Push 22 wager at the end of the game. If the dealer achieves a score of 22, any player who has placed a Push 22 wager shall be paid in accordance with (j) below.

(g) The dealer shall then proceed to complete the round of play, collecting any other losing wagers and awarding any other winning wagers in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.6.

(h) Prior to making a payout for a winning Push 22 wager, the dealer shall:

1. Verify that the dealer has achieved a score of 22 and that the player has placed a Push 22 wager;

2. In a tone of voice calculated to be heard by the patron who won it verbally announce the amount of the Push 22 bonus payout.

(i) After all winning Push 22 wagers have been paid, the dealer shall remove all cards and wagers remaining on the layout, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.6(i).

(j) All winning Push 22 wagers shall be paid at no less than the odds in one of the following pay tables preselected by the casino licensee and posted at the table pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-8.3:

Hand	1	2	3
Dealer Same Suited-22	50 to 1	50 to 1	
Dealer Same Colored-22	20 to 1	20 to 1	
Dealer Any Other Combination of-22	8 to 1	7 to 1	
Dealer 22			11 to 1